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In Support of SB01076 - AAC Aid for Terminally Ill Patients

To the Connecticut Public Health Committee:

I am writing in support of SB01076 which will provide medical aid to terminally ill residents.

No one's mere existence should be artificially prolonged by the use of medical technology. When a condition is irreversible, the person should have the right to choose the timing of their exit. This is especially true if chronic, intense pain is involved or if they can sense a humiliating deterioration in their capacities. All the more so, it applies if they are not conscious and will never regain a sense of themselves.

Everyone should have the right to die with dignity. The medical oath to "do no harm" is adhered to by enabling one to gracefully determine the timing of their end when that end is imminent. It is violated when the medical provider becomes an accomplice to a technological protraction of a dehumanizing, degraded, pointless existence.

I ask Connecticut government officials to honor the ethical regard for an individual's right to their final volitional act when at death's doorstep. Please support SB01076.

Sincerely,
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